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REMARKS

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1. On 12 June 1952, there was local flying by jet bombers, including 3 type-27s, at Finsterwalde airfield. One plane had the red No 21. Most of the aircraft flew for about 6 minutes with their landing gears extended. Longer flights were made by aircraft which had their landing gears retracted. Between 3:45 and 4:30 p.m., 10 jet bombers and 1 B-25 plane were counted at the field.
  2. At 6:30 p.m., 25X1 six emplaced AA guns and 14 tents in the northern section of the field.

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4. On 14, 15 and 16 June, no air activity was observed at the field. Between 2 and 2:30 p.m. on 14 June, eight jet bombers were counted at the field. The following air activity were observed at the field between 17 and 26 June:

17 June. At 8 a.m., [ ] in the town the noise of jet bombers taking off. At 9:30 a.m., two jet bombers landed at short intervals.

At 10:12 a.m., the take-off of a jet bomber was heard.

At 10:18 a.m., a type-27 jet bomber crossed the field.

At 10:20 a.m., the noise of starting jet bombers was heard.

At 10:24 a.m., a type-27 jet bomber landed at the field.

At 10:25 a.m., a jet bomber crossed the field at a high altitude.

At 10:27 and 10:30 a.m., the take-off noise of jet bombers was heard.

At 10:35 a.m. a type-30 plane [ ] landed at the field.

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At 10:39 a.m., a jet bomber took off.

At 10:40 a.m., a type-30 jet bomber landed.

At 10:41 and 10:44 a.m., jet bombers were heard taking off.

At 10:45 a.m., a type-27 jet bomber landed.

At 10:46 a.m., a jet bomber took off.

At 10:48 and 10:52 a.m. a type-30 jet bomber landed.

At 11 a.m., a type-27 jet bomber landed.

At 11:05 and 11:06, jet bombers took off from the field.

At 11:12 a.m., a type-30 plane [ ] landed.

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At 11:14 a.m., a type-30 jet bomber landed.

At 11:35 a.m., a jet bomber was observed landing.

Between 1:30 and 4 p.m., flying by jet bombers continued.

18 June. No air activity was observed from the town.

19 June. During the morning, [ ] noise of flying jet bombers

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At 1 p.m., eight jet bombers were parked at the field.

20 June. At 5 p.m., 9 jet bombers were parked side-by-side between the runway and hangars.

23 June. Between 9 a.m. and noon and between 1 and 5 p.m., local flights were made by two or three jet bombers.

24 June. Flying started at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m., a plane was heard taking off.

At 9:10 a.m., a type-27 jet bomber [ ] was observed landing

at the field. Local flying continued up to about noon. At 5:08 p.m., the

landing of a jet bomber was observed. A jet bomber took off at 5:09 p.m.,

landed at 5:15 p.m. It taxied to the take-off point and again took off at

5:19 p.m. The plane made one local flight and landed at 5:27 p.m. Then,

the plane taxied to the other jet bombers parked at the field.

25 June. Between 8 and 11 a.m. and between 1 and 4 p.m., [ ]

from the town that local flying was practiced by jet bombers.

26 June. Between 5 and 6 p.m., local flying was practiced by jet bombers.

5. Six AA guns were emplaced on the northern edge of the field. Their barrels were raised to an angle of about 70 degrees.

6. No changes were observed on the radio installations. About 100 meters south of the PKV-45 DF station, there was a truck with an antenna rod which was three or four times as high as the truck and braced at three sides.

7. It was rumored that the mess of the consumer's association, where Germans were employed, would be closed. The only German personnel stationed at the field were firemen and barbers.

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8. Between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 17 June, there was flying activity by jet bombers at the field. Flying was already in progress at 11 a.m. [ ] at the field. Among the practicing planes there was a type-27 jet bomber and a Yak-11. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Landing</u>	<u>Take-Off</u>
12:05 p.m.	1 type-27 [REDACTED]	
12:10 p.m.	1 jet bomber	
12:20 p.m.		1 type-30 [REDACTED]
12:34 p.m.		1 type-30
12:36 p.m.	1 type-30	
12:42 p.m.	1 type-30	
1:09 p.m.		1 type-30
1:17 p.m.	1 type-30	
1:23 p.m.		1 type-30
1:29 p.m.	1 type-30	
1:38 p.m.		1 type-30
1:44 p.m.	1 type-30	
1:48 p.m.		1 type-30

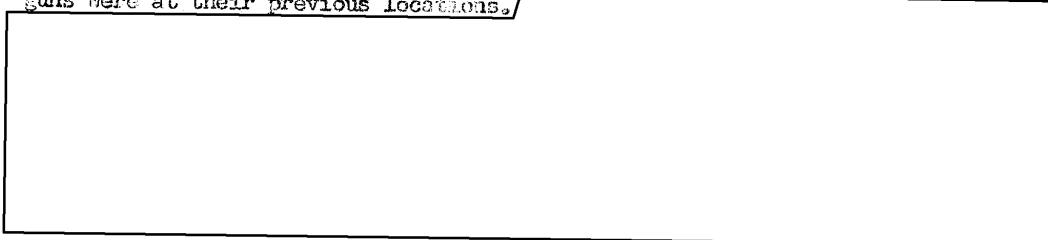
The take-offs and landings were made on about two thirds of the runway from east to west. Curves were made at an angle of up to 80 degrees. The planes flew at an average altitude of 2,000 meters. After the landing, the planes taxied back along the taxiway to the beginning of the runway. The plane which landed at the field at 1:17 p.m. turned on the runway and taxied back on the runway. During the flying activity by jet bombers, a Yak-14 was repeatedly observed taking off and landing at the field without using the runway.

9. No changes were observed on the AA gun emplacement on the northern edge of the field. On 17 June, rifle shots were heard from the woods south of the field.

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11. On 19, 23 and 28 June on 1 July, 8 type-27s and 1 type-30 were observed at the field. Three planes [REDACTED] Between 15 June and 1 July, flying was practiced almost daily. The AA guns were at their previous locations.



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[ ] Comment. The report confirms the previous information on Finsterwalde airfield and the two bomber regiments stationed there. The regiments were previously equipped with Pe-2s were retraining with 10 type-27 and type-30 jet bombers and 1 B-25. It is noticeable that no Pe-2s were observed at the field during the period of observation. Judging by previous information, it is possible that the Pe-2s left the field. However, this assumption has not been confirmed. After the arrival of the two bomber regiments at the field, the Pe-2s were always parked in the numerous hangars at the field if there was no flying. Since it is rather difficult to observe the field it is believed 25X1 possible that the Pe-2s are still parked in the hangars. The number and type of AA guns have not been determined. According to a previous report, 12 AA guns of about 80 mm caliber were located at the field. [ ]

25X1 [ ] 16 AA guns were emplaced in the northern section of the field.

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